

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Meadow Lakes

Meadow Lakes is an unincorporated CDP between the Little Susitna River and the Alaska Railroad, off of the George Parks Highway. It is about 45 miles from Anchorage. Meadow Lakes is part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

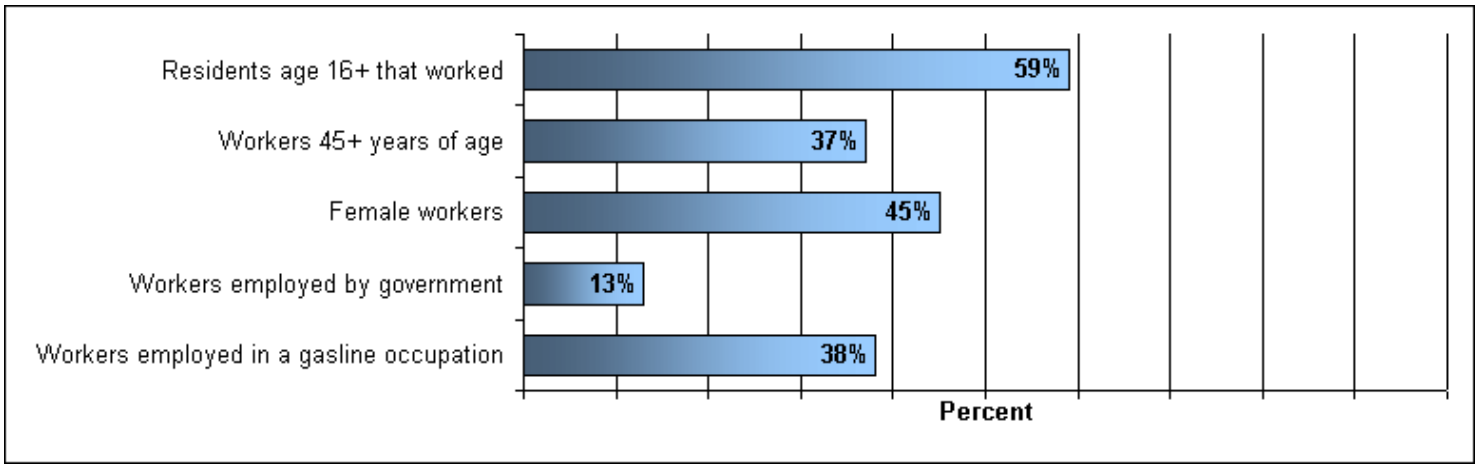
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 7,106, a gain of about 2,287 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 59 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 24 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Meadow Lakes Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	5,136	Total wages	\$105,463,073
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,021	Private	2,643
Male	1,654	State government	142
Female	1,361	Local government	236
Age 45+	1,132	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	730	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	2,630
		Percent working all 4 quarters	64.7%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	593	Some construction	961
		At least 1 year construction	629
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	429
New hires	1,239	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	2,232

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## 2008 Residents

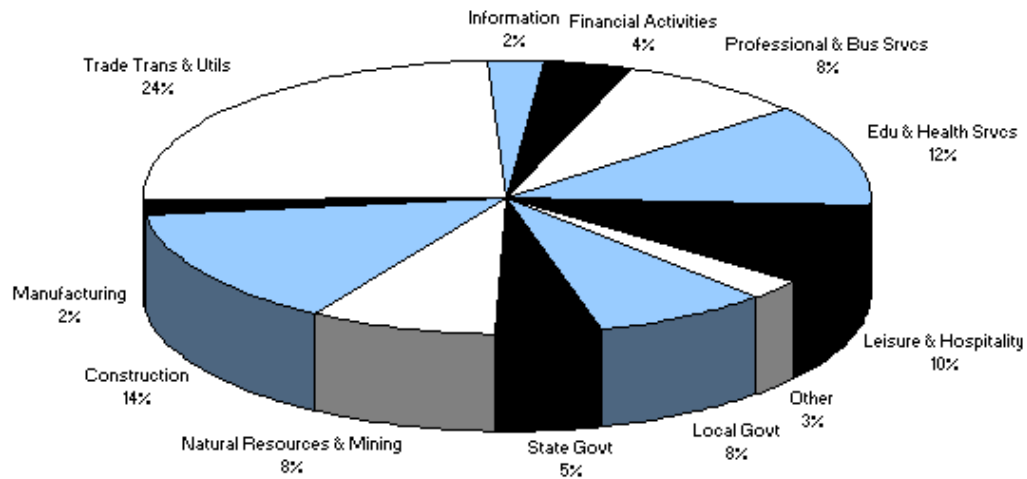


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	139	68.1%	39	28
Cashiers	98	79.4%	29	18
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	88	12.5%	22	11
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	85	56.5%	5	4
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	82	3.7%	43	25
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	71	1.4%	26	13
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	62	71.0%	28	19
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	60	36.7%	25	15
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	54	88.9%	23	11
Electricians <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	43	2.3%	11	7
Waiters and Waitresses	43	83.7%	8	7
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	41	2.4%	22	17
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	41	4.9%	12	7
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	38	13.2%	7	4
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	38	86.8%	14	11
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	38	86.8%	8	5
Personal and Home Care Aides	36	77.8%	15	12
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	35	85.7%	20	18
Receptionists and Information Clerks <b>AGIA</b>	33	100.0%	8	7
Customer Service Representatives	33	93.9%	10	9

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	246	8.1%	98	64
Construction	429	9.1%	147	91
Manufacturing	51	27.5%	16	11
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	736	46.8%	282	186
Information	75	58.7%	32	15
Financial Activities	114	71.7%	31	21
Professional and Business Services	253	45.1%	104	64
Educational and Health Services	358	79.8%	150	102
Leisure and Hospitality	296	58.4%	55	36
State Government	142	45.8%	76	43
Local Government	236	62.3%	115	81
Other	76	42.1%	25	15
Unknown	9	55.6%	1	1

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### Recent Unemployment Statistics

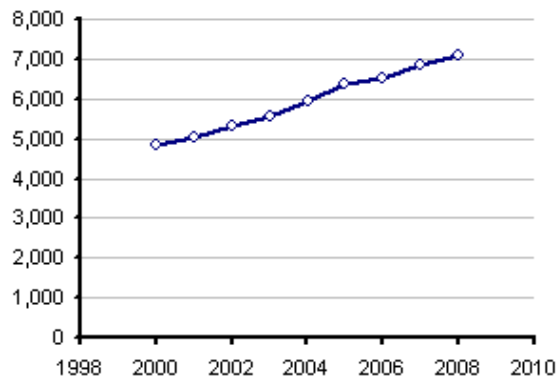
	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	0	0	0	0

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Mat Su Borough Schools
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Veco Alaska Inc
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Spenard Builders Supply Inc
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Palmer-Wasilla Health System LLC
Safeway Inc
Nana Management Services LLC

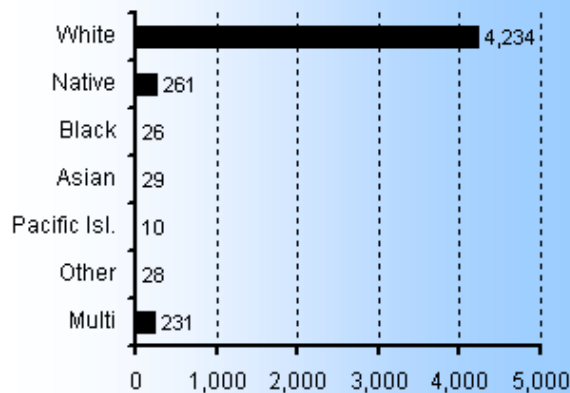
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

Median Age	32.7
Average Family Size	3.3
Average Household Size	2.8
Per Capita Income	\$17,295
Median Family Income	\$47,534
Median Household Income	\$41,030

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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